THE OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Chief Procurement Officer of the District of Columbia pursuant to authority granted to the Mayor by Section 204 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 (PPA), effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-302.04 (2001)), and Mayor's Order 2002-207, dated December 27, 2002 (49 DCR 11867), hereby gives notice of the intent to adopt the following amendment to Chapter 16 of Title 27 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Contracts and Procurement). The rules are intended to implement Section 304(e)(1) of the PPA (D.C. Official Code § 2-303.04 (e)(1) (2001)).

The rules were approved as emergency and proposed rules on October 5, 2004, and published in a Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking in the *D. C. Register* on November 19, 2004, at 51 DCR 10653. One comment was received concerning the proposed rules but was not accepted; therefore no changes have been made to the rule as proposed. As the earlier emergency rules expired on February 1, 2005, action was taken on February 2, 2005 to approve the identical rulemaking on an emergency basis effective on that date, published in the *D. C. Register* on February 18, 2005, at 52 DCR 1592, and, as those rules would have expired on May 31, 2005, a second emergency action was taken on May 26, 2005 to approve the identical rules..

The Council of the District of Columbia approved these rules on June 7, 2005, by Resolution 16-167, pursuant to section 205(b) of the PPA (D. C. Official Code § 2-302.05(b) (2001)).

These rules shall become effective upon publication in the *D. C. Register*.

CHAPTER 16

PROCUREMENT BY COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

Section 1614 is amended by adding new subparagraph 1614.1(d) to read as follows:

1614 SOURCE SELECTION

Notwithstanding (a) and (b), above, for services provided under the District of Columbia Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program, implementing the Self-sufficiency Promotion Amendment Act of 1998 (D.C. Law 12-241), the Chief Procurement Officer sets forth the following prices to be paid to Contractors in the solicitation, and no price evaluation factor will be required for procurement of these services:

Employability Assessment Completed and IRP Developed and Signed:

Customer referred directly by DHS to the vendor Customer who volunteers for services without being referred	\$400 \$100	
Participation Fee - Customer Participates in Employment-Related Activities (limited to six weeks per calendar year):		
More than 4 hours and less than the TANF hourly requirement: TANF Hourly Requirement or More:	\$15/week \$50/week	
Unsubsidized Employment Placement Customer is placed in Unsubsidized Employment And is expected to work for the TANF minimum		
number of Required Hours or more:	\$200	
3 Month Retention Fee		
Customer Is Still Employed (in an unsubsidized job for the TANF hourly requirement 3 months after initial placement:	\$1,200	
Customer is a single-parent with a child under age six who works an average of at least 20, but less than 30 hours over the 3 month period:	\$800	
6 Month Job Retention		
Customer worked the TANF hourly requirement over the 6 month period.	\$1,200	
Customer is a single-parent with a child under age six who works an average of at least 20, but fewer than 30, hours over the 6 month period.	\$800	
Higher Wage Bonus Customer earned \$7.50/hour at a 3 month retention point	\$300	
Home Visiting Recruitment		
Contractor conducts a home visit to a customer who has not been participating and the customer subsequently participates in on site activities with the wonder beyond the orientation and		
in on-site activities with the vendor beyond the orientation and assessment.	\$200	

For Contractors That Have Agreed to Provide Optional Services to Sanctioned Customers, as defined and described in the solicitation:

Employability Assessment Completed and IRP Developed and Signed:

Customer sanctioned at time of referral by DHS

\$600

Participation Fee for Sanctioned Customers - Customer Participates in Employment-Related Activities (limited to six weeks per calendar year):

More than 4 hours and less than the TANF hourly requirement: \$15/week TANF Hourly Requirement or More: \$50/week

Initial Placement Fee for Sanctioned Customers

Sanctioned Customer referred by DHS, placed in Unsubsidized employment and expected to work for The TANF minimum number of hours

\$500

3 Month Retention Fee for Sanctioned Customers

Customer Is Still Employed (in an unsubsidized job) 3 months after initial placement:

\$2,000

6 Month Job Retention Bonus for Sanctioned Customers

Customer worked the TANF hourly requirement over the 6 month period.

\$1,200

Customer is a single-parent with a child under age six who works an average of at least 20, but fewer than 30, hours over the 6 month period.

\$800

Higher Wage Bonus for Sanctioned Customers

Customer earned \$7.50/hour at a 3 month retention point

\$300

Home Visiting Recruitment

Contractor conducts a home visit to a customer who has not been participating and the customer subsequently participates in on-site activities with the vendor beyond the orientation and assessment.

\$200

Subparagraph 1617.5(a) is amended to read as follows:

1617 EVALUATION FACTORS OF PROPOSALS

(a) Price or cost to the District shall be included as an evaluation factor in each RFP, except as otherwise provided in 1614.1(c) and (d).